

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1106**

March 20, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) to take actions necessary to support the development of shared services alliances and family child care networks to improve the quality of child care, give child care providers access to innovative business resource platforms, and provide a means of cost savings to child care providers through negotiated discounts.

Authorizes DHS to contract with one or more entities as necessary to accomplish these objectives.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by DHS, the Department currently engages in supporting the development of shared services alliances and family child care networks for the purposes stated in the proposed legislation.
- This includes contracts with the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT), Tennessee State University, and Signal Centers to, among other things: a) support shared resources development and deployment which include tools for business management, human resources, program administration, and various classroom and curriculum resources; (b) purchase supports such as coaching, peer support, and technical assistance; and (c) offer a series of business academies to providers at no cost which include instruction on accounting, budgeting, marketing, and employment practices.
- Through the contract with CFMT, child care providers can also access bulk purchasing at discounted prices.
- All of the purposes described in the proposed legislation are expected to be allowable uses of the DHS's annual Child Care Development Block Grant.
- Any impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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